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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Oklahoma Department of Securities
ex rel. Melanie Hall, Administrator,

Plaintiff,

v.

Premier Global Corporation et al.,

Defendants.

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Case No. CJ-2022-5066

Judge Don Andrews

**ORDER AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT OF BERKELEY RESEARCH GROUP LLC
AS ACCOUNTANT FOR RECEIVER**

NOW on this 14th day of March, 2023, the duly appointed Receiver, Eric L. Johnson's (the "Receiver") Application for Order Authorizing Employment of Berkeley Research Group LLC ("BRG") as Accountant for the Receiver (the "Application") comes on before the undersigned judge of the District Court and the Court finds as follows:

1. Receiver's Application for Order Authorizing Employment of Berkeley Research Group LLC ("BRG") as Accountant for Receiver was filed on 11/23/22 and no objections have been filed pertaining to the same by any party.

2. The Receiver intends to employ BRG as accountant to assist with the preparation of certain tax returns for the estate, provide tax guidance and analysis, and otherwise assist him in the discharge of his duties. Given the multitude of entities and the circumstances, including the liquidation of assets, it is essential that the Receiver has experienced accountants to assist him. BRG has substantial experience in preparing tax returns for receivership estates and providing tax guidance to receivers.

3. Paragraph 16 of the Order Appointing Receiver on 10/31/22, authorizes the Receiver to retain and employ accountants.

4. For representation in connection with the matters identified above, the Court understands that fees will be charged at the hourly rates of BRG professionals. These hourly rates are subject to periodic adjustments to reflect economic and other conditions, and to reflect the individual assistants' increased experience and expertise in their respective areas of accounting.

The persons who will be working on these matters and their hourly rates are as follows:

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| a. | Vernon Calder, Managing Director | \$415 |
| b. | Leif Larsen, Associate Director | \$340 |
| c. | Victoria Calder, Para-professional | \$100 |

From time to time, other employees with BRG may provide assistance, and approval of any employees deemed necessary by the Receiver is also requested.

5. BRG does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Receivership Estate. Further, while certain creditors of the estate may be former, current, or future clients of BRG, BRG is not aware of any actual conflict of interest. BRG has no material connections with the Receivership Entities, their estates, or any other party in interest, their respective attorneys or accountants, and is disinterested.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

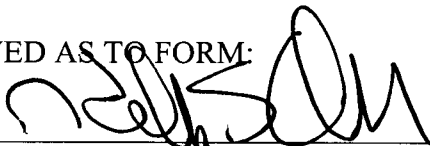
1. Receiver may employ BRG as an accountant to assist with the preparation of certain tax returns for the estate, provide tax guidance and analysis, and otherwise assist Receiver in the discharge of his duties.
2. BRG will maintain detailed and itemized records of all professional services rendered on behalf of the Receiver and any actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the legal services for which it may seek reimbursement.


3. BRG may apply for compensation for professional services rendered, and for reimbursement of expenses incurred, in connection with this case at its customary hourly rates, in accordance with the provisions of the orders of this Court.

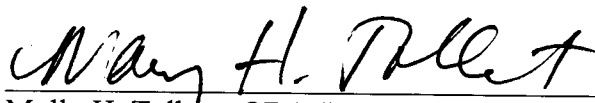
IT IS SO ORDERED.


JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT 3/14/2023

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